

# COLLOQUIUM DOCTUM REGULATIONS FACULTY OF PSYCHOLOGY AND NEUROSCIENCE 2023–2024

**Entrance examination regulations for the Psychology programme at Maastricht University (UM), pursuant to Section 7.29 of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act (WHW)**

## **Article 1 Participation requirements**

In order to qualify for participation in the entrance examinations as referred to in Section 7.29 of the WHW, hereinafter to be referred to as colloquium doctum, candidates must:

- a. fail to meet the previous education requirements set out in Section 7.24(1) of the WHW (possession of a diploma of pre-university education), and may not have been exempted from this requirement on the basis of Section 7.28 of the WHW;
- b. have submitted an application to this end to the UM Psychology colloquium doctum committee and paid the requisite registration fee for the examination;
- c. be 21 years of age or older at the time of taking the colloquium doctum.

## **Article 2 Colloquium doctum committee**

The colloquium doctum will be administered by the UM Psychology colloquium doctum committee appointed to this end by the Faculty Board, hereinafter to be referred to as the committee.

## **Article 3 Application**

1. Applications to take a colloquium doctum can be submitted to the UM's Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience colloquium doctum committee, attn. Mr M. Jenneskens, Postbus 616, 6200 MD Maastricht, the Netherlands, by means of the appropriate application form.
2. Applications can be submitted until **15 May** prior to the academic year for which the applicant wishes to enrol.
3. At minimum, the application must include:
  - a concise curriculum vitae;
  - an extract from the register of residents;
  - copies of grades transcripts and diplomas. The committee may require that these copies are certified.

## **Article 4 Registration fee**

1. Participation in the colloquium doctum is subject to a €100 registration fee. This amount must have been transferred to Maastricht University bank account number 65.76.25.418 in the name of UM Randwyck (and stating budget number 36000106N and Psychology colloquium doctum) by **1 June at the latest**. (IBAN: NL47INGB0657625418; BIC INGNL2A)
2. In the event of cancellations up until one month before the colloquium doctum, any registration fees to have been transferred will be reimbursed. No reimbursements will be provided if cancellations are submitted after this date.

### **Article 5 The entrance examination**

The colloquium doctum will include an assessment aimed at determining whether the candidate is suited to take part in the UM Psychology degree programme and is sufficiently proficient in Dutch and/or English to effectively take part in this education. The degree programme will be offered on a full-time basis, in the form of two tracks: the Dutch-language track and English-language track.

### **Article 6 Components**

1. The colloquium doctum consists of the following components:
  - Dutch-language track:
    - an assessment of the candidate's oral and written command of the Dutch language;
    - an assessment of the candidate's knowledge of pre-university education-level Mathematics A;
    - an assessment of the candidate's receptive command of the English language;
    - an assessment of the candidate's knowledge of biology.
  - English-language track:
    - an assessment of the candidate's knowledge of pre-university education-level Mathematics A;
    - an assessment of the candidate's receptive command of the English language;
    - an assessment of the candidate's knowledge of biology.
2. The UM Psychology colloquium doctum assessment regulations, hereinafter to be referred to as the assessment regulations, contain a more detailed description of the requisite knowledge level. The assessment regulations constitute a part of these regulations.

### **Article 7 Exemptions**

1. The committee may grant exemptions for one or more of the components specified in Article 6(1).
2. If possible, exemption requests should be submitted along with the application to take a colloquium doctum, and at least four weeks before the date of the exam for the component for which exemption is being requested. Such requests must be motivated and should include the written documentary evidence needed to reach a decision on the exemption. The committee will decide whether or not to grant the exemption or exemptions within a period of four weeks.
3. The committee may grant a provisional exemption on the basis of grounds that arise after 1 June and before the start of the academic year. In such cases, the committee may grant the exemption subject to the condition that these grounds do actually arise before the start of the academic year. The committee will then determine the results at the earliest possible opportunity after this precondition has been met.
4. Non-participation in components for which a provisional exemption has been granted will be at the candidate's own risk.

### **Article 8 Results**

1. The results of the colloquium doctum will be expressed in the form of an 'admissible' or 'inadmissible' valuation. The assessment procedures for the various components are recorded in the assessment regulations.
2. The results will be determined within four weeks of taking the colloquium doctum or resit, unless Article 7(3) applies. The participant will receive written notification. Participants may lodge an appeal against the results within 30 days of receipt. Appeals should be sent to the Maastricht University Board of Appeal for Examinations, Postbus 616, 6200 MD Maastricht.

### **Article 9 Resits**

The committee may rule that a candidate is eligible to resit one or more components of the colloquium doctum. The relevant procedures are recorded in the assessment regulations. The resit will take place within six weeks of taking the colloquium doctum.

### **Article 10 Admission to the bachelor's phase**

Successful completion of the colloquium doctum can offer the candidate access to the Dutch or English-language track of the bachelor's phase of the UM Psychology degree programme. Successful completion of the Dutch-language track components can offer the candidate access to the Dutch-language track. Successful completion of the English-language track components can

offer the candidate access to the English-language track. However final admission depends on the outcome of Decentral Selection\*.

**Article 11      Effective date**

These regulations entered into force on 1 September 1993 and were amended on 6 February 2023.

Duly adopted by the UM Psychology colloquium doctum committee in its meeting of 1 February 1995.

\*Decentralized selection is a procedure with which prospective students can get a place in some higher education courses in the Netherlands.

## UM Psychology colloquium doctum assessment regulations

### 1. Dutch-language track

#### 1.1 Dutch language proficiency

The candidate's Dutch language and writing skills will be assessed on the basis of questions on a text at pre-university education (VWO) level. The candidate will also be required to summarise a text as a part of this assessment.

The use of a dictionary is not permitted.

#### 1.2 Knowledge of mathematics

The mathematics component (Mathematics A) must be attained at the Boswell Institute (<http://www.boswell-beta.nl>) or via the Online Mathematics Placement Test ([omptest.org](http://omptest.org)). The candidate must submit evidence of their successful completion of the mathematics component (Mathematics A) or that 55% has been obtained in the Online Mathematics Placement Test before 15 August 2023.

#### 1.3 English language proficiency

The candidate's receptive command of the English language will be assessed on the basis of questions on an English text at pre-university education level. This test will be based on a general text selected from newspapers and periodicals such as *The Guardian Weekly* and *Time Magazine*. Candidates will be expected to understand the information in this text to the extent that the factor of comprehension does not form an impediment to its application.

The use of a dictionary is not permitted.

#### 1.4 Knowledge of biology

This component will include a test of the candidate's basic knowledge of human and animal biology at pre-university education level. The exam will include questions on the following subjects: 1. Genetics: cell division and heredity; 2. Reproduction; 3. Nutrition and digestion; 4. Behaviour: aetiology; and 5. Senses.

We recommend that candidates apply for the CD Biology independent study reader in preparation for the exam. This reader will be sent via email and is free of charge. A paper version is also available (subject to a € 10 fee to cover administrative processing and shipping costs). Please state whether you wish to receive the independent study reader and specify the desired format (email or paper version) on the application.

### 2. English-language track

#### 2.1 English language proficiency

Productive and receptive proficiency of the English language must be demonstrated through TOEFL (<http://www.ets.org/toefl>). Proof of the achieved score of the TOEFL must be submitted before August 15, 2023. The minimum score to be achieved for the TOEFL will be published on the FPN website.

#### 2.2 Knowledge of mathematics

The mathematics component (Mathematics A) must be attained at the Boswell Institute (<http://www.boswell-beta.nl/en>) or via the Online Mathematics Placement Test ([omptest.org](http://omptest.org)). The candidate must submit evidence of their successful completion of the mathematics component (Mathematics A) or that 55% has been obtained in the Online Mathematics Placement Test before 15 August 2023.

#### 2.3 Knowledge of biology

The biology component must be attained at the Boswell Institute (<http://www.boswell-beta.nl/en>). The candidate must submit evidence of their successful completion of the biology component at the Boswell Institute before 15 August 2023.

### 3. Assessment of individual components

The completed components of the Dutch-language track and the English component of the English-language track will be individually assessed. Each component will be assessed on the basis of a ten-point scale, whereby grades are rounded off to the nearest whole or half number. A 5.5 or higher will count as a 'pass', while a 5.0 or lower will count as a 'fail'. The committee may seek advice from the test authors or other experts as a part of the assessment procedure.

#### 4. Results

The colloquium doctum will have been successfully completed once all components have been graded with a 'pass'. The result will then be 'admissible'. In all other cases, the result will be 'inadmissible'.

#### 5. Resit

In the event that the result is 'inadmissible', the candidate will be eligible for a one-off resit of the components graded as a 'fail'. The resit will take place during the same academic year. All resits will be administered in accordance with the stipulations of these regulations.

#### 6. Exemptions

Exemptions for a component will be graded as a 'pass'.

#### 7. Exam dates

##### 7.1 Dutch-Language track

English Exam	5 July 2023	9.00–11.30
Biology Exam	5 July 2023	13.00–15.30
Dutch Exam	7 July 2023	9.00–12.30

Resits are scheduled at 7 August 2023.

Mathematics: see <http://www.boswell-beta.nl/en> + [omptest.org](http://omptest.org)

##### 7.2 English-language track

English : see <http://www.ets.org/toefl>

Mathematics and Biology: see <http://www.boswell-beta.nl/en> + [omptest.org](http://omptest.org)

#### 8. Effective date

These regulations entered into force on 2 February 1995 and were amended on 6 February 2023.

Duly adopted by the UM Psychology colloquium doctum committee in its meeting of 1 February 1995.

## APPLICATION FORM FOR PSYCHOLOGY COLLOQUIUM DOCTUM

Address all correspondence to:

Maastricht University  
Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience Board of Examiners  
Attn. Mr M. Jenneskens  
Postbus 616  
6200 MD Maastricht, the Netherlands

The undersigned hereby registers for the Psychology colloquium doctum entrance examination for the Psychology degree programme in the 2023–2024 academic year.

**Surname** .....  
**First names** .....  
**Date of birth** .....  
**Place and country of birth** .....  
**Address** .....  
**Postcode** ..... **Town/City** .....  
**Telephone number** .....  
**Nationality** .....  
**Email** .....  
**Track**       Dutch                       English

An independent study reader is only available for the Dutch-language track:  
(check preferred option)

- Digital version via email
- Paper version (subject to a €10 fee to cover administrative processing and shipping costs)

### EXEMPTION REQUEST

The undersigned hereby requests exemption from the following course components (check preferred components):

- Dutch                       English
- Biology                       Mathematics

Please enclose an appendix explaining why you believe you are eligible for each of the exemptions requested. Enclose copies of any relevant documents,

- Please include:
- Concise curriculum vitae
  - Extract from the register of residents (no older than one year)
  - Copies of all relevant diplomas and accompanying grades transcripts

**Town/City** ..... **Date** .....

**Signature**.....